

## MULTIPURPOSE LOCKING PLIERS

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A folding multipurpose tool including  
5 adjustable locking pliers with an over-center locking  
mechanism to retain the jaws in a gripping condition.  
The jaws of the locking pliers can be folded into the  
handles of the tool to produce a compact folded  
configuration. A latch mechanism in the tool handle  
10 retains a selected one of several folding tool bits or  
blades in an extended position for use and includes an  
abutment arrangement to prevent such a selected tool bit  
from being extended too far. A spring associated with a  
tool bit driving socket retains separate tool bits and  
15 resists inadvertent removal of an adjustment screw  
element of the locking pliers. Upon removal of the  
adjustment screw element, special bits, such as a  
corkscrew, can be screwed into the tool bit driving  
socket.

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